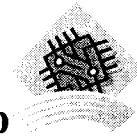




## **House Republican High-Tech Working Group**



Congressman Bob Goodlatte, Chairman  
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### **Promoting our Economic Growth**

- **Ensuring Employee Stock Ownership Remains Viable** – We will vigilantly promote and protect the stock ownership and retirement security of high-tech's rank and file employees.
- **Secure Our Investment and Human Capital** – We will continue to fundamentally reform our tax laws so that more jobs and investment remain and return to the U.S. economy.

### **Improving our Quality of Life**

- **Internet Taxation** – Passage of a permanent ban on taxing access to the Internet (vote scheduled).
- **Class Action Fairness** – Passed legislation to rein in frivolous “Class Action” lawsuits that threaten the high-tech community.
- **Spectrum Enhancement** – Passed legislation to create incentives for clearing valuable spectrum so that more innovation in telecommunications can occur.
- **Reduce Spam** - We will work to reduce or eliminate excessive unsolicited e-mail that is clogging the Internet.
- **Nanotechnology Research** – Authorized an increase in the basic research and development of nanotechnology.
- **Broadband Deployment** - We will continue to promote the acceleration of the deployment of broadband networks to all Americans.
- **Protect Intellectual Property from Digital Piracy** - We will make sure that we promote and enforce strong copyright and patent protection laws to prevent and combat the growing trend of digital piracy.

### **Protecting the Security of our Country**

- **Prevention of Identity Theft** – Passed legislation to provide all consumers with the tools they need to protect their credit and fight identity theft.
- **Collaborate with the Executive Branch and Various Departments to Protect Our Homeland** – We will help facilitate a seamless transition and transformation of our governmental entities that will foster information sharing and compatibility.
- **Develop More Secure Information Networks** – We will promote initiatives that help to better detect and respond to security threats.